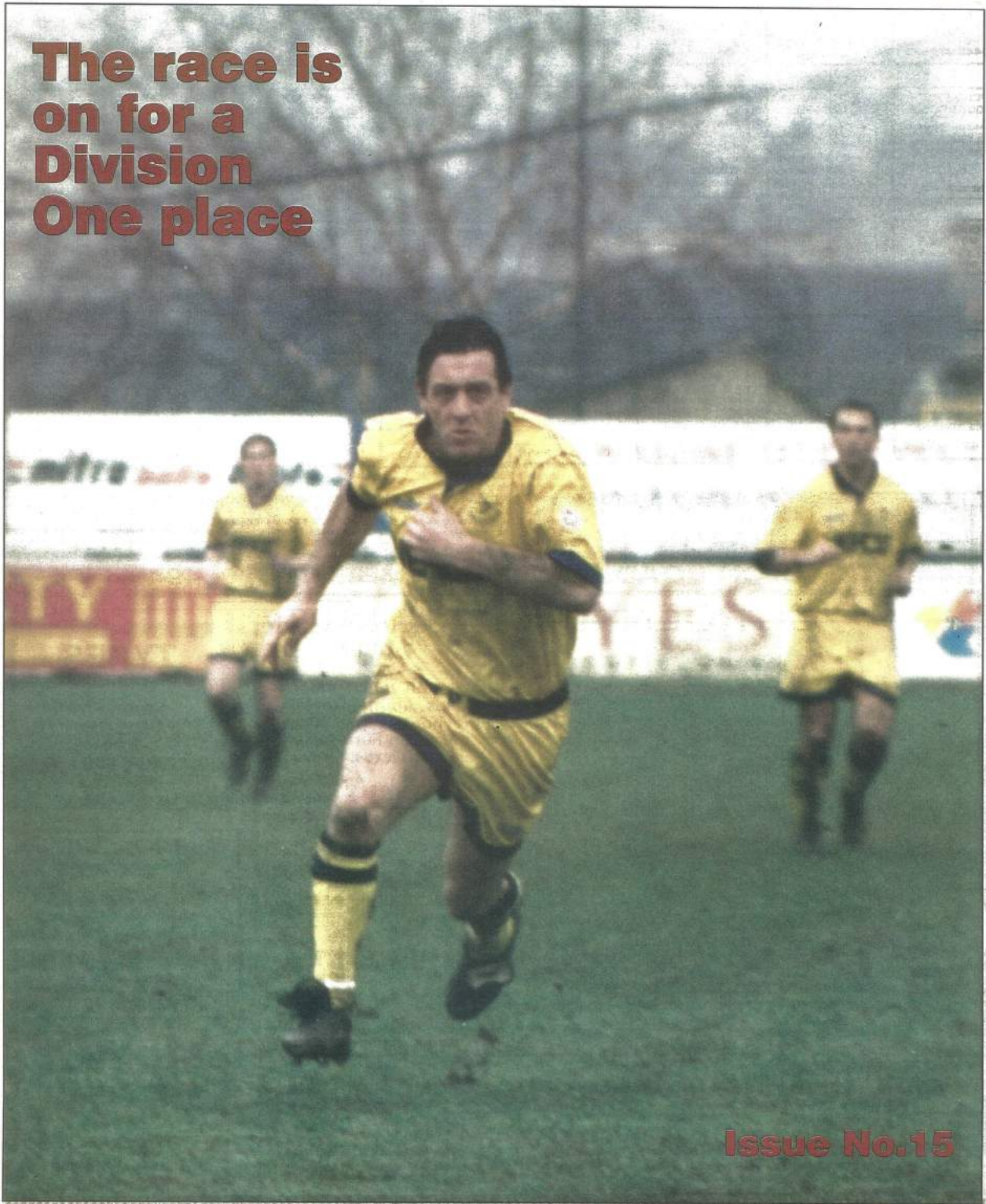




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Front cover: Workhorse Simon Garner keeps battling for the ball during Wanderers' clash against Bristol Rovers last Saturday

A credit to the game

CASH IN WITH THE BLUES
By Mark Austin
Sales & Marketing Manager

IT is not often a scheme comes along that genuinely benefits all parties, and especially not one that, once set up, needs little attention.

The club has signed a five-year contract with MBNA International Bank to offer a Wycombe Wanderers Visa Card to supporters and the community.

Everyone on our mailing list will shortly receive a letter from our chairman, Ivor Beeks, outlining the benefits to both fans and the club.

Most importantly, these include no annual fee and lower interest rates than any other standard UK Visa Card. The question everybody wants answered is "Will MBNA introduce a fee and increase interest rates once everybody has signed up?"

Wycombe Wanderers have sought as many assurances as possible on these points and MBNA's own research proves people will simply cancel their cards if any fees are introduced.

As MBNA International Bank's only business is affinity Visa Cards, it is clearly not in their interests to be uncompetitive. If you are already a Visa Card holder, you can still apply for a Wycombe Wanderers Visa Card, keeping or cancelling your existing one.

If you ring (0800) 776262, quoting reference GT79, Wycombe Wanderers will receive a one-off payment of £10 for a standard card and £20 for a Gold Card (for successful applications) and then a small percentage of everything you spend, without any additional cost to you.

If you do apply, please, please quote reference GT79, because if you don't, the club only receives £1 and £3 respectively. So if you wish to become an official sponsor of



Cheer for things to come: Blues fans will soon be offered the chance of a Wycombe Wanderers Visa Card

Wycombe Wanderers, please quote GT79.

If you do become a Wycombe Wanderers Visa Card holder, you will also pay no booking fee when buying tickets using the creditcard hotline (0494) 441118, which is currently 50p per booking, but is due to increase to £1 next season.

Another benefit we intend to introduce as soon as possible is second priority booking (after Season Ticket Holders and League Members) for all home and away matches before tickets go on general sale.

Swindon Town FC have successfully introduced the MBNA Visa Card, as have many other organisations.

On a separate note, I recently met with three members of the WW Independent Supporters' Club, seeking their input on a possible new membership structure for next season.

While there has been no decision as to whether or not we should join forces, the discussions on mutual aims were positive. It was from attending a WWISC meeting that I picked up the idea about improving

our postal ballot policy. Also, it's mainly due to the WWISC that the official executive away coach travel prices were lower this year.

I'm all in favour of WWISC having a supporters club that supports the club and looks after its members, and it is possible next year that a new Blues Membership Club will be established or merged with the current ISC if appropriate.

Many of you might wonder why the second-half against Stockport County was delayed due to one or two parachutists.

Well, quite simply, the plane was late and, although the ground controller was instructed to abort the display, he was unable to contact the aircraft. Martin was rightly annoyed as nothing should interfere with football. As I booked the display, I felt terribly responsible.

It was the worst day I have ever experienced at Wycombe Wanderers. It made me appreciate what a fantastic club we have and how fortunate I have been to be part of it over the last three years.

MBNA International Bank Ltd will be in the Vere Suite tomorrow doing a direct promotion for the Wycombe Wanderers Visa Card which has all the benefits of a normal Visa Card but has no annual fee and competitive interest rates.

Anybody signing up tomorrow at Adams Park will be given a free WWFC mug by MBNA.

Further details and an application form are available by telephoning freephone 0800 776262. Please ensure you quote reference GT79.

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Talking from the terraces

I am writing this only hours after the Stockport game and I still haven't calmed down!

Another display of terrible refereeing at Adams Park and what a surprise, most of the decisions went against Wycombe. Just a few examples included time-wasting from as early as the 50th minute by Stockport's keeper. I counted at least two serious elbowing incidents which weren't acted upon, despite Thommo getting a good

Quentin Holden gives a fan's view on the state of the game

clattering in the face.

The worst negligence was in the dying minute when Wycombe and Stockport fought out a frantic struggle in Stockport's goal mouth. I counted two handballs by Stockport and at one point, Thommo was sandwiched and his legs taken away with no attempt to play the ball. Did

we get a penalty? No.

Surely there must be some kind of system that the FA could introduce where there can be an inquiry into persistently poor performances by referees. In a time where the fining of players on clubs for unsportsmanlike conduct and cheating is a weekly occurrence, why can't referees be penalised or even suspended for poor attention to the game, or interpretation of rules. The use of video evidence would, I am sure, lead

to warnings, suspensions or even dismissals.

Bureaucracy is also on the increase as it was announced only a week ago by the FA that the level of bookings on the pitch had already passed the total amount of bookings made last season which signals a large increase in disciplinary action, since FIFAs new clamp down during and after the World Cup.

While I am down in the dumps about football generally, 1995 has surely got to be one of the worst beginnings in a decade. We have had Paul Merson's admission to taking drugs, George Graham's sacking for allegedly accepting gifts, Eric Cantona's Bruce Lee antics at Crystal Palace, organised violence in the friendly in Ireland and finally Crystal Palace's Chris Armstrong testing positive for cannabis.

What will happen next? I read last week that the Swansea and Cardiff game may have to be played behind closed doors because the police want 600 officers present to prevent violence. The chairman probably fell off his chair when he saw the £13,000 estimate for policing.

The FA's credibility is also at an all-time low after Alan Sugar took Graham Kelly and his merry men to court over Tottenham's fines, point deductions and FA Cup suspension. Now that these have been revoked, but for a token fine, and we all know that Tottenham are going to win the FA Cup to embarrass the FA further, don't we?

Back to the task in hand, how have our boys been faring. A steady course has been steered recently. The Chairboys turned in a commendable draw in dark, muggy

conditions at Shrewsbury. The club's trip to Wales was the most unfruitful to date taking only one out of six points.

The bad news at the moment seems to be continual injury setbacks, not least with the news that Miquel Desouza will be out for at least four weeks. But we're still in seventh place, with two games in hand. I think we will make it into the play-offs, but the serious issue to be raised at this point is, do we want to go up this season?

Many people I have spoken to on the terrace now feel that unless more convincing wins are forthcoming it may be to our advantage to stay down another year, to build up the consistency of the squad. After all, next season three and not two teams will go up, and you never know, we might even win the championship.

Profile



Simon Hutchinson: Playing for England at schoolboy and youth-level and playing for Manchester United have been his greatest thrills

PLAYER PROFILE

PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name: Simon Hutchinson
Date of birth: 24.9.69
School: Jordanthorpe Comprehensive, Sheffield
Height: 5ft 10in
Weight: 12st 11lb
Home: 3 bed semi
Car: Montego
Married: No
Children: No
Dad's job: Now retired, chief director of planning
Brothers & sisters: Tim 27, Sarah 29
Family pets: No
Nickname at club: Sheep, Hutch, Touchy

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Who do you share a room with on away trips? Various
Does he have any annoying habits? Tony Hemmings - he snores!
What was your ambition as a child? To play football
What is your ambition now? To get fit, and play at as high a level as possible
Who was your boyhood hero? Keith Edwards (Sheffield Utd)
What has been your biggest thrill in life? Playing for England at schoolboy and youth-level and playing for Manchester United
What has been your biggest disappointment in life? My injuries over the last two seasons
What is your saddest moment in football? Leaving Manchester United
Which present day footballer do you admire most? Alan Shearer
Who is the greatest player there has ever been? Pele and Maradona
Who has been the greatest influence on your career? My parents. They never pushed me but always supported me
Who is the toughest opponent you have faced? Matt Crossley
Which manager has been the biggest influence on your career? Eric Harrison (Youth Team Coach - Man United) and Martin O'Neill

What job would you be doing if you hadn't made it as a footballer? Graphic Designer

Away from football, what has been your greatest sporting achievement? Playing cricket for Yorkshire at youth level

What is the funniest moment you have seen on a football pitch? Remi Moses having a disagreement with Jasper Olsen in training and giving him a right hook

What was your most embarrassing moment in football? Having to run around a football pitch naked with only my boots on with a lot of people watching

Which team did you support as a boy? Sheffield United

What is your favourite ground? Villa Park and Hillsborough

What other sports and hobbies do you enjoy? Golf and music

Do you have any unusual food that improves your game? Oranges

Away from football, who is your favourite sportsman? Nick Faldo

What is your most prized possession? My England caps

Do you play any musical instruments? No

Is there a sporting dream you would have liked to have achieved in another sport? Play pro-golf and win the Open

What really annoys you in football? Injuries

What are you pet hates outside football? Rude people and smoking

FAVOURITES

TV programme: Have I Got News For You
Pop star/group: Jamiroqui
Food: Steak & pasta
Drink: Blackcurrant
Film: Pulp Fiction, Platoon
Film stars: Christopher Walken, Clint Eastwood
Holiday resort: Paris
TV stars: Clive Anderson
Comedian: Steve Coogan, Harry Enfield
City: Sheffield
Soap: Brookside
Soap characters: Beth (Brookside)

Compiled by Steve Hayes

Meet players at shop relaunch

TO enable Wycombe Wanderers to expand their leisure wear ranges, the club shop in the Octagon Shopping Centre, opposite Littlewoods, is being refurbished and sales-floor size increased.

To enable this refit to take place, Wanderers in Town will shut at 4pm on Saturday,

March 18, and not re-open until 12 noon on Wednesday, March 22.

If you would like to come to the grand reopening by several players from the Wycombe Wanderers squad, make sure you arrive outside Wanderers in Town by noon next Wednesday.

The new-look shop includes a sophisticated electronic

tagging system, close circuit surveillance cameras and hidden security systems. The open-plan layout will enable shoppers to 'feel' the quality of all the products, and shop without hindrance.

A new extensive range of shirts and jackets will be on display. For further details or a free colour catalogue, call the shop on (01494) 450957.

Profile

FIRST TEAM COACH PROFILE

PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name: Paul Franklin
Height: 6ft 1"
Weight: Too heavy
Home: Yes
Car: Mondeo
Married: Yes
Children: Two
Dad's job: Dress Cutter
Brothers & sisters: One brother
Family pets: Mad Cocker Spaniel named Nassa
Nickname at club: Frankie/Franks

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What was your ambition as a child? To be a professional footballer

What is your ambition now? Short-term, to help Wycombe Wanderers into the 1st Division. Long-term, to be as successful as I can at whatever I am involved in

Who was your boyhood hero? Bobby Moore

What has been your biggest thrill in life? One of my biggest football thrills was when Martin O'Neill gave me a play off medal on the pitch at Wembley

What has been your biggest disappointment in life? Having to give up playing football through my injury

What is your saddest moment in football? Missing the 1984 cup final while at Watford again through injury

Which present day footballer do you admire most? Alan Shearer is the best player in English football at the moment and has come back from a career-threatening injury

Who is the greatest player there has ever been? Pele

Who has been the greatest influence on your career? Tom Whalley, my youth team coach at Watford

Who is the toughest opponent you have faced? Paul Walsh/Kenny Dalglish

Which manager has been the biggest influence on your career? Graham Taylor

What job would you be doing if you hadn't made it as a footballer? Salesman

Away from football, what has been your greatest sporting achievement? I used to play for the snooker team of my local club and in the knockout club championship I beat the club champion from the previous year



Coach Paul Franklin: He lists Bobby Moore, Pele and Alan Shearer as great players

What is the funniest moment you have seen on a football pitch? Tony Hemmings playing offside in a reserve game

What was your most embarrassing moment in football? While playing right back for Reading, against Leyton Orient with all my family watching, I took a free kick near the touch line. As I ran up I slipped and knocked the ball about two yards into touch.

Which team did you support as a boy? West Ham

What is your favourite ground? Old Trafford
What other sports and hobbies do you enjoy? Snooker

Away from football, who is your favourite sportsman? Steve Davis

What is your most prized possession? FA Youth Cup Winners medal

Is there a sporting dream you would have liked to have achieved in another sport? To win the world snooker championship

What really annoys you in football? Bad refereeing

What are you pet hates outside football? DIY

FAVOURITES

TV programme: OJ Simpson Trial, Sky News
Pop star/group: Randy Crawford
Food: Chicken Tikka Massala
Drink: Whisky
Film stars: Tom Cruise/Goldie Hawn
Holiday resort: Florida
TV stars: David Jason
Comedian: Victoria Wood

Compiled by Steve Hayes

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Player of The Month



STEVE Brown has been named the Supporters' Player of The Month for January. Steve, who also won the title in December, was presented with his award by Roger Vere, managing director of official club sponsors Verco Office Furniture Ltd.

Wycombe Wanderers v Birmingham City

TOMORROW'S top of the table clash against Birmingham City is ALL TICKET. Any remaining tickets can be purchased today before 5.30pm from the Commercial Offices at Adams Park. Adults £6.50, concessions £4. Ticket Creditcard Hotline (01494) 441118.

Don't chute me for letting rip

By Martin O'Neill

I WAS interested to read Mr Bill Martin's letter in the Bucks Free Press last week.

He was referring to the on-off-on parachute jump scheduled to take place before kick-off against Stockport County at Adams Park. For some technical reason, the parachutists could not make their jump at the allocated time but decided that they should still go ahead with the entertainment at half-time.

The restart to the second-half was, because of this, delayed by an extra four minutes. I wasn't best pleased with the delay, thinking that having to spend almost 20 minutes in the dressing room to allow time for an air display to take place, wasn't actually on the agenda.

However, Mr Martin, whilst finding the delay 'quite amusing' - his own words - castigated me for verbally lambasting our commercial manager Mark Austin for allowing the display to take place at half-time. He found my behaviour 'totally unjustified, unprofessional and unnecessary', suggesting that if I had a complaint to make 'it should have been stated later, in private.'

I was delighted that Mr Martin found the whole incident amusing and entertaining. Not so delighted with the delay in restarting the game was the referee who could have taken sterner action against us by reporting the incident to the Football League. Perhaps he was still pondering over the decision to disallow Terry Evans' first-minute header which he admitted afterwards was a mistake to do so. Perhaps he wasn't the only one with the job he came here to do still firmly on his mind. I know the Stockport County team viewed the delay with a bit of suspicion.

O'Neill answers his critic: Sky-dive delay could have cost us the earth

There was the view taken by some of them that the extra time taken was for the home team's advantage.

Unfortunately, the display team manager lost radio contact with his team just as Mark Austin asked him to stop proceedings altogether.

I can just imagine Alex Ferguson's face when the referee has to knock on his door at half-time on a Saturday at Old Trafford and tell him he will have to keep his players in the dressing room for another four minutes because the little schoolboy game arranged at half-time has ended in a draw and that there will be five penalties each to decide the winner. Especially if he's losing to Liverpool at the time. Doesn't bear thinking about, eh?

I get on very well with Mark Austin. He does an excellent job as commercial manager and he is very enthusiastic. Remarkably, I still get on very well with Mark and the incident has closed and is forgotten. I am sorry that you have been so upset with me over the whole incident, Mr Martin.

After all, it was only three or four minutes delay. Since you are a loyal fan you must remember Philip Don's refereeing in the game against Torquay at Adams Park last season?

He added an extra three or four minutes to the game when we were winning. You must remember what happened? Spot on, Torquay equalised. We may have gone straight up instead of through the life-shortening play-offs. Still, I must keep in mind that at least you got amusement and entertainment from the incident. Isn't that what life's about?



O'Neill: Four minutes can make all the difference in football

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Join the club run by the fans for the fans

WYCOMBE Wanderers Independent Supporters' Club. What does that title conjure up? break-away group? militant? not wanted by club? Well no, nothing like that, let me explain.

Back in August 1994, a group of six like-minded fans started the first independent supporters club at Wycombe Wanderers since the last season at Loakes Park and, due to a lack of response from the football club, we decided to start up as an independent supporters club.

Our motto is "By the fans for the fans" and all our aims and objectives revolve around promoting supporters' view and conditions at Wycombe Wanderers and in football generally.

So what's happened since August? Quite a lot actually. We have had four Supporters' Forums with guest

**By Bob Officer
Chairman WWISC**

speakers Alan Parry, Mark Austin and Inspector Doe from the local police, these evenings have been well-attended and very constructive. We have joined the National Federation of Football Supporters' Clubs which has brought Supporter Club members national representation coupled with other benefits associated with the federation.

We have produced a Supporters' Newsletter which went down very well and we intend to produce these newsletters every two months with the next issue due out at the end of the month. We also provide supporters' club coaches to away games.

A representative of the supporters' club has had a meeting with Ivor Beeks, the chairman of Wycombe

Wanderers, which proved informative and constructive. Mr Beeks has also agreed to be a guest speaker at a future Supporters' Club Forum.

A very successful disco was held during February, showing that the supporters' club has an energetic social outlet as well as the obvious football outlets. We were also instrumental in changing club policy in allowing family applications in the event of all-ticket games and getting the Bournemouth away kick-off time changed from 12.30pm to the normal 3.00pm kick-off time.

Other items of interest are the campaign to get concession prices to away games, arguing against the increase in prices for cup games (West Ham), we have had inquiries from Brighton, Brentford, Reading and Orient on this subject.

Our relationship with the football

club is an amicable one and this is shown by their gesture of allowing us to use the Keen Lounge for Supporters' Forums and also allowing the use of programme space to publicise these events. It is not our policy to create problems between the supporters club and the football club, but in the event of an issue arising concerning supporters, we would not shirk our responsibility in this area.

Well, not exactly the story of a rogue militant group is it? So why not join us now. For the rest of the season, the membership fee is being reduced from £5.00 to £2.50 for adults and from £3.00 to £1.50 to under 16s.

All you have to do is write to WWISC, 2 Carrington Court, Carrington Road, High Wycombe, Bucks, or telephone Bob on (01494) 523843 or Val on (01494) 448498.

Spare a thought for the Quid a Kid youngsters

THE last Quid a Kid day brought to Adams Park many youngsters and parents who had not been to football before, or in the case of the parents, for many a long year.

As you know I, along with many others, shared disappointment when I saw some selfish grown-ups who, despite being asked, refused to allow the little ones through to the front to watch the game.

Since that time, we have been trying different types of layouts to ensure children can see. The recent family terrace experiment was greeted with limited success but we intend to press on with our objectives.

On Saturday, March 25, the game against Crewe Alexandra has been declared a Quid a Kid game. In order to ensure that all children have the ability to see the game, we are seeking the cooperation of parents and other adults in letting the children stand in the area next to the front perimeter fences around the ground. On this

**Frank Knowles
Safety officer**

day, the front perimeter fence area (the area between the front fence and the yellow safety corridors) will be for the sole use of children.

Stewards will be on hand to assist in the smooth operation of this day and I ask everyone who normally stands in the perimeter fence position to 'give this up' for this day.

As we all know, children are the future of football and I hope I can count on a responsible attitude from adults in allowing children the privilege of standing at the perimeter fence. The attitudes of parents and other adults in providing such space will show to the young fans that our current excellent supporters also know how to let younger fans have priority.

Do please come along as usual to the Crewe game on the 25th but please think about the children.

Jarvis Hotels First Half Trivia Quiz

Wycombe Wanderers are delighted to announce a new competition which you can play when you attend either the Birmingham City, Crewe Alexandra, Bradford City, Oxford United or Chester City matches at Adams Park.

Wycombe Wanderers, together with Jarvis Hotels, presents the Jarvis Hotels First Half Trivia Quiz. It is easy to play and one lucky winner will be able to enjoy an absolutely free Jarvis Hotels weekend break for two people at one of Jarvis' 70 fine hotels around the UK.

Here's how to play. It's very simple. Before the start of each of the above matches, we'll be giving you a question on something to do with the first half of the match several times over the PA system. All you have to do is to keep a close eye on the game, remember the answer and then send it with your name, address and contact number to Jarvis Hotels First Half Trivia Quiz here at Adams Park following the match. The winners are announced at the following home match and the weekend break for two people can be taken anytime between now and the end of August 1995.

Each prize includes two nights' free accommodation for two with full English breakfast.

Answers to the Birmingham City question must arrive at Adams Park before Friday, March 24, 1995.

Keep your eye on the ball and you could win that Jarvis weekend break.

Send all answers to:
Jarvis Hotels First Half Trivia Quiz
Wycombe Wanderers FC
Adams Park
Hillbottom Road
Sands
High Wycombe



Major mascot: Bluey the Swan will be the star at the game on March 25

Meet Bluey and make it a real family day out

WYCOMBE Wanderers Official Club Mascot Bluey the Swan will be giving away thousands of goodies, such as sweets and balloons, before our match against Crewe Alexandra on Saturday, March 25.

To encourage Blues' regular younger supporters to bring a friend along, or parents to bring children for the first

time, everyone under the age of 16 will only be charged £1 on the terraces.

The club advises everybody to arrive by 2.30pm for the give-away by Bluey the Swan and his Blue Army helpers. The club will be giving pitch perimeter priority viewing for the younger children around all four sides of the ground to ensure they can see.

Letters

**OPEN LETTER TO
ALAN PARRY**

I HAD the great pleasure of attending the recent meeting of the Wycombe Wanderers Independent Supporters' Club at Adams Park.

I was very impressed with your honesty in answering our questions. It was a pleasure to listen to someone who has the club at heart.

One of the questions brought up was the subject of football clubs not giving concessions to away supporters, which is close to my heart as I have a ten-year-old daughter who I take to most Wanderers away games. I am sick of paying full-price for her when home fans pay half for their kids. I have, therefore, conducted my own survey of Football League clubs to see how many offer concessions.

I have written to The Football League on this subject and their reply was that regulations can only be amended by a majority vote of clubs in a general meeting.

Therefore, I am asking if you and Wycombe Wanderers FC can help in the next general meeting of The Football League to get the regulations changed to make clubs give concessions in seating and terrace admission for away supporters.

The outcome of this survey seems that many clubs offer concessions on a reciprocal basis only. There was some constructive answers from some clubs such as Scunthorpe United that suggested that I wrote to my own club to find out their attitude to this. Their chief executive Mr A D Rowing's personal view was that he felt that rhetoric should take place between all clubs to have a standardised concession rate for away fans and by doing so, we can encourage more families to attend. Funny really, as Scunthorpe is one of the clubs that don't give concessions.

I shall be writing to all the clubs in the Football League to ask for their support at the next general meeting. I'll keep you informed of my progress.

Steve Warwick
Princes Risborough

I AM a season ticket holder at Wycombe Wanderers and feel that the club has developed well into the Football League but has not forgotten the fans who are the backbone of any club.

As a reflection of this, I was pleased to hear that Terry Howard chose Wycombe Wanderers above Reading and Sheffield United. Well done to Martin, the players and all those who work at WWFC, who have a obviously worked hard to achieve such a good atmosphere that encourages such loyalty. Let's hope Terry Skiverton feels the same way.

I thought both players did very well against Rotherham and fitted into the side quite admirably.

I would like to make a suggestion. Could boxes, like post boxes, be placed at the exits so that fans can deposit their votes for Player of The Month. They could be painted in the club colours and could be removable if it is thought they could be a hazard if used as an object by mindless fans.

I suggest this because I find the present procedure of using an old box in the commercial office a little trying. The office is often full of people after a match and the use of an old box is not very professional.

I hope you do not take this as a criticism, I just feel that this would make the process easier for the fans.

Michelle Evans, Riches

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Thank you for standing by the lads

I would like to thank all the loyal Wycombe fans for their support during our recent indifferent performances.

I have seen many successful sides go through these spells at some stage when their supporters invariably turn on them. Believe me, this escalates the situation and knocks the confidence, especially on less experienced players.

Wycombe supporters have continued to get right behind the lads, both at home and away, which is really appreciated. All of us must learn to be more consistent in our own individual performances. If we can concentrate on the job in hand, I am sure the results will follow.

Terry Howard was another shrewd acquisition by the gaffer. During my days at Brentford, I got to know him very well. We enjoyed many tussles in the local derby games. He is a very good player and is able to play anywhere across the back four which may become important.

Terry Skiverton, on loan from Chelsea, has also done well since coming into the side, which will give the gaffer pleasing selection problems when all defenders are fit again.

A good result at Chester meant the players reached a points target in an agreed time period set by the club. This enabled us to all go on a short break to Alacanti. You

**CAPTAIN'S
LOG
by Terry
Evans**



can be forgiven for thinking we lazed around the pool doing nothing. This was not the case as there was training each day as normal.

The difference is that at home we train then go our separate ways, but staying in a hotel, we eat, sleep and relax together which to me is good for team building and moral. One evening we got involved on a karaoke machine, something that I have kept well away from in the past, after Crease and myself blasted out Mac the Knife we now at least know that there is little point giving up our day jobs.

It was upsetting that Miquel received an injury in training which will keep him out of the side for some time. I know that you may feel that these sort of accidents should only occur during first team matches but our players are naturally competitive. If they are not, the gaffer wouldn't have bought them in the first place.

Saturday the 18th of March is an important date for two reasons. Firstly we entertain Birmingham, which will be a crucial game, and secondly a benefit disco has been arranged at Adams Park for

Crease. I would urge as many of you as possible to come. I will be there together with the majority of the squad to pay tribute to a loyal and inspirational servant of the Wanderers.

I was disappointed not to be able to attend the Sportsman's Dinner where Norman Hunter was guest speaker. I was looking forward to this but with the game at York the following night, it was far more important to put my feet up.

As we now have a backlog of games due to a high number of fixtures being rained off, it means that we will be playing twice a week until the end of the season.

The lads as a whole are not unhappy with this as it means less training and more competitive football.

The down side is that if a player picks up a knock, there is less recovery time. We all hope that no further games are postponed, because three games in a week, as we experience at Christmas, really does take its toll.

At the start of the season, there was much debate on how we would fare after stepping up a division. With 25% of the season remaining, we are still well-placed for promotion. You can all rest assured that with your continued loyalty and support, we will be pushing as hard as possible to silence our critics so that we can be playing first division teams come August.

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DAVE CARROLL

Bradford City Competition Answers

We are delighted to announce the correct answers to the three following questions:

- 1) What is the name of Bradford City's stadium?
The Valley Parade
- 2) Wycombe Wanderers charge the same price for concessions to home and away fans. What is the normal concessionary price for a child under 16 or OAP at Adams Park?
Only £4.00
- 3) What is Bradford City's official club nickname?
The Bantams

Congratulations to all the winners and our many thanks to all those who entered. We trust the many unsuccessful entrants will enter our next Blues News competition. We sent all the winners two complimentary tickets for Wycombe Wanderers match against Bradford City on Tuesday, March 7. We hope they will all have a great night out at Adams Park, as the match has now been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 11.

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